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1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON JANUARY 25, FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY CROSLAND SAID THAT RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH WAS THE ONLY PARTY TO REJECT THE BRITISH PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA, WHICH HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES. EXPRESSING HIS "DEEP SENSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT" IN SMITH'S REJECTION, CROSLAND NOTED THAT SMITH HAD "ONCE MORE SHOWN HIS INABILITY TO FACE REALITY". SMITH'S REFUSAL MEANT THAT "WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THIS PRESENT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IS AT AN END."

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2. CROSLAND SAID THAT IVOR RICHARD WOULD STAY IN AFRICA TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS FOR A FEW DAYS, SINCE "WE NEED TO TAKE STOCK AND MAKE A COOL REAPPRAISAL". ASKED IF HE WOULD GO TO AFRICA HIMSELF, CROSLAND SAID THAT A WEEK AGO HE HAD THOUGHT HE WOULD GO TO AFRICA EARLY IN FEBRUARY BUT NOW SUCH A TRIP WAS A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AFTER RICHARD'S RETURN.

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